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Three Dorchester County Men Arrested on Separate Child Pornography Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of three Dorchester County men on separate child pornography charges.

All three arrests were made by the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The cases involve:

Charles Darin Amole (DOB: 1965) of Summerville, S.C.

Investigators say Amole was involved in sending child pornography via file sharing. A search warrant was obtained and executed at Amole's residence on May 15, 2015. He was arrested and charged with five (5) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor second, degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count. Bond was set at \$150,000.

Alex Anthony Garneau (DOB: 1988) of Ladson, S.C.

Investigators say Garneau was involved in sending child pornography via file sharing. A search warrant was obtained and executed at Garneau's residence on May 14, 2015. He was arrested and charged with three (3) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor second, degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count. Bond was set at \$150,000.

Maurice Varner (DOB: 1946) of Summerville, S.C.

Investigators say Varner utilized the social media to share child pornography. A search warrant was obtained and executed at Varner's residence on May 13, 2015. He was arrested and charged with one (1) count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor second, degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment. Bond was set at \$20,000.

All three cases will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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